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	Filing Date	September 25, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Alols Lustenberger et al.
	Group/Art Unit	3726
	Examiner Name	Rick Kiltae Chang
	Attorney Docket No.	132702-0128

This is a request for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
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- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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<b>For FY 2005</b>				<b>CENTRAL FAX CENTER</b>	
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<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>	
Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	0	0	0	0
<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>					
<b>Fee Description</b>		<b>Small Entity</b>		<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>	
		Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent		50	25		
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent		200	100		
Multiple dependent claims		360	180		
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.					
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